



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OFFICE
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

March 26, 2019

Caroline Haskins
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Re: HAS 0262-19

Dear Ms. Haskins:

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information Act request dated March 14, 2019, which was received on March 15, 2019.

You requested voluminous records pertaining to Palantir software. In your request, you stated, "Media reports state that the police departments around the country have made use of Palantir's software...", and you indicated that the records requested are "related to the above program." We therefore interpret your request to be for records related to the University of Michigan Police Department's use of Palantir software.

Your request is denied because responsive records do not exist.

Please note that within 180 days from the date of this letter, you have the right to appeal the denial of information to the President of the University or seek judicial review in the Michigan court of claims to try to compel disclosure. If you elect to appeal and the President upholds the denial, you may still seek judicial review within the 180-day period.

An appeal to the President must be submitted in writing to: President's Office, c/o Liz Barry, The University of Michigan, 2080 Fleming Administration Building, 503 Thompson Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1340 (or by email to: presoff@umich.edu). The statement must (1) identify the request and the final determination by the FOIA officer that is being appealed, (2) specifically state the word "appeal," and (3) identify the reason or reasons why the final determination should be reversed.

If you seek judicial review in the Michigan court of claims and prevail, you will be awarded reasonable attorney's fees, costs and disbursements incurred in maintaining the action. If you prevail in part, you may still be awarded complete or partial reimbursement for those expenses. In addition to actual and compensatory damages, you will be awarded punitive damages in the amount of \$1,000.00 if the court finds that the University was arbitrary and capricious in its denial.

A copy of Section 10 of the Michigan FOIA is available for your reference and review online at <http://foia.vpcomm.umich.edu/foia-right-to-appeal/>.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Sellinger
Chief Freedom of Information Officer